Grievances of villagers by intervention of Village Officers.

72. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to take necessary steps to alleviate the grievances of the poor villagers by the undue and unnecessary intervention of the Village Officers in matters connected with their lands?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The question is not clear. If any specific complaint against a Village Officer is pointed out, necessary action will be taken.

73. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has been brought to their attention that the ryots are put to great difficulties by the unnecessary inspection of survey stones by the Village Officers, especially in the rural parts of the State?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No.

The removal of silt from the field tanks for the improvement of the adjoining paddy fields.

74. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether a written order of sanction is required for removing the accumulated silt from the field tanks for the improvement of the adjoining lands of paddy cultivation? If so, who is the authority to give such sanction? What are the conditions that should be observed by the ryots for obtaining such sanction? Has the Government any objection to vest the power of giving sanction of the above and like items in the Village Panchayats?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Sanction is required for silt clearance of *poramboke* tanks by private parties. Usually, the Diwan Peishkar, after enquiry, accords sanction in such cases. The most important conditions are that the person repairing the tank will have no rights over it to the exclusion of others and that the tank will always remain *poramboke*. Panchayats are empowered to repair *poramboke* tanks. It is one of the functions vested in them under section 11 of the Panchayat Regulation. The Government do not consider it necessary to alter this arrangement.

Land Revenue from each taluk.

75. Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the total amount of Land Revenue income from each taluk;

(b) the area of each taluk?

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Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) and (b). A statement containing the information is given in Appendix III.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—Does it not include the cess also ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes. The rent of the British lands of 25,000 acres. Every item of Land Revenue is included, and in 1100 we had a very great slice of revenue on account of the sale of *kanam* lands.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—What does the Land Revenue Proper approximately come to ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—A lakh and 87,000 rupees from Chittur.

The failure of Kole crops in 1101.

76. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja .—(a) Is the Government aware that there was a heavy failure of *Kole* crops in 1101 ?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House the reports of the Diwan Peishkar to the Government with regard to the *Kole* failure ?

(c) Are any ameliorating measures in contemplation ? If so, what are they ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar —(a) There was some failure.

(b) The Government are unable to do so at this stage.

(c) The question is receiving the anxious consideration of the Government.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—There was some failure. Was it a complete failure or a partial failure ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Even 99.9 per cent comes under the category of some failure. 75 per cent is also some failure.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Am I to take it that "some" here represents 99.9 per cent ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—That is only a hypothetical theorem. There was a really serious failure, and it is given in the Government Press Communique.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Have you any definte idea with regard to the real extent of the failure ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—There are about 16,000 acres of *Kole* lands. In some places the failure is only partial. Crops raised on 15,900 acres have completely failed.

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APPENDIX III.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 75.)

Name of Taluk	Land Revenue Demand for 1100	Area in acres
	Rs.	Acres
Cochin-Kanayannur	2,48,861	1,01,204
Mukundapuram	2,27,264	1,55,193
Trichur	2,03,966	1,22,893
Talappalli	1,95,819	1,59,357
Chittur	2,60,371	86,947
Cranganur	44,197	11,209

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